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# Obsession spurs hunt for other JFK killers

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WASHINGTON — It was 19 years ago Monday that President John Kennedy was gunned down by an assassin's bullets. But the eerie, echoing blast that rang through Dealey Plaza still reverberates in the psyche of Harold Weisburg.

Weisburg, 70, has been obsessed by the JFK assassination since that dismal day in Dallas. He has spent every day investigating the murder, methodically seeking the missing piece that would prove that Lee Harvey Oswald was not the lone killer.

Although public opinion polls show the majority of Americans believe there was a conspiracy, the government has no plans to reopen the case.

But Weisburg cannot rest. He has a suit pending in federal court here that would require the FBI to renew its investigation.

"When a president can be killed and no one does a real investigation, that's the biggest single danger to society," Weisburg says.

Weisburg has written four assassination books called "The Whitewash Series." He published the books himself, photocopying each page.

"I'm nobody," Weisburg says. "I have no illusions about that. I have no money, but each citizen has his own obligations."

Weisburg supports himself from savings and the meager earnings of his books. He and his wife live in a small white bungalow in Frederick, Md. "I couldn't have done this without the patience of my wife," Weisburg says.

His basement is damp and as cold as the trail he is stalking. Boxes bulging with Weisburg's unsold books line the walls. There are dozens of file cabinets stuffed with FBI records obtained through the Freedom of Information Act.

Weisburg, who was one of the early critics of the Warren Commission, has been praised for his work. Through the dogged use of the Freedom of Information Act, he has obtained countless new documents from the FBI. Congressional leaders said the research of people such as Weisburg was instrumental in persuading Congress to reinvestigate the murder three years ago.

Harold Weisburg has spent 19 years looking into the death of President Kennedy.

The now-defunct House Assassinations Committee reported in 1979 there was a 95 percent chance that more than three shots were fired at Kennedy. If true, that would make it impossible for Oswald to be the lone gunman.

But ballistics experts later said there was only a 50-50 chance it happened that way, and the FBI said the odds were even lower.

Weisburg says he was collecting eggs on his poultry farm in Maryland when he heard that President Kennedy was shot. Like millions of other Americans, he ran to the television.

Weisburg, whose farm went bankrupt shortly after the assassination, began to "work around the clock" on his investigation.

Weisburg says he doesn't know who pulled the trigger and doesn't believe it's important to find out.

"I'm not pursuing the whodunit," he says. "The bottom line is that the institutions didn't work and the way to make them work is to show that they didn't work."

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